

conference that was convened in 1995 that would meet again in '96 and '97.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But I was trying to clarify that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had to kind of hastily draft my amendment, too. But my intent is to deal with this one meeting that all of our discussion has centered around. It will occur sometime in the fall, perhaps. But 200 and something days after the 26th state approves one of these resolutions, the conference will be called and this organization comes into existence. My intent is that Nebraska's participation as a member of that incorp...that corporation ceases 120 days after the adjournment date of this conference, and I'll tell you why. There might be some loose ends which the delegates that Nebraska sent would want to help tie up even after the date of adjournment. And this is provided that the organization doesn't automatically dissolve upon adjournment. If that is the case, my amendment makes no difference. But I do not want Nebraska to function as a member of that corporation after this conference. When the conference is over, if Nebraska is to participate let it do so as a legislature, not as a member of a corporation, because the legislatures will be asked to vote on these petitions, these action plans or whatever they may be called, the Legislature as a Legislature, not its delegates. So for the purpose of attending this conference and participating, if the Legislature decides to do that, the delegates would be sent to represent this state and those delegates are not the Legislature, they are functioning as representatives of the Legislature. But if Nebraska does send this resolution, the Legislature or the state becomes a member of that corporation. And now we have delegates at a conference and Nebraska as a state is a member of this corporation, called The Conference of the States, Inc. While functioning at that conference the delegates represent the state or the Legislature. The date of adjournment occurs, all these papers and whatever else they've put together will be brought back to the Legislature. In my mind at that point there is no need for us to have delegates anymore. Everything from that point on becomes action by the Legislature as a Legislature, not as a member of The Conference of States, Inc., nor will this work be done only by the